either in Hindi or in English ? . . (*Interruptions*) . . .

SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN : Why not in Tamil, Sir ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : You can ask, but I am asking you for the benefit of the House . . . (*Interruptions*) . .

SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Why can't it be in Tamil, Sir ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Because there is no translation.

. . . (*Interruptions*) . . .

SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Must be provided, must be provided !

. . . (*Interruptions*) . . .

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, why can't there be translation for Tamil ? You can have translation for questions also—why not ? . . . (*Interruptions*) . . . Some of our Members cannot speak either in English or in Hindi. So, some arrangements can be made for putting questions in Tamil. Some of our Members are not able to express themselves in English or in Hindi. Then should they be prevented from asking questions in Tamil ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : I understand it and I sympathize with you, but you have to follow the normal rules.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : There should be an opportunity to ask questions in all the official languages. Question Hour is a very important hour.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Develoment of Paradip Port

*202. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Asian Development Bank (A.D.B.) has agreed to finance the Ministry's proposal for providing assistance for the development of Paradip Port; and

(b) if so, what are the details of follow-up action taken so far, to execute the development proposals at Paradip Port with the said assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Asian Development Bank has approved a loan of $ 285 million for the Paradip-Ennore Coal Transportation project which includes $ 134.85 million for creation of mechanised coal handling facilities at Paradip.

(b) The proposal is at advanced stage of consideration and a decision is expected very soon.

Commission on Sustainable Development Following Earth Summit

*203. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Commission on Sustainable Development has been set up as a follow-up of the Earth Summit held last June;

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference; and

(c) what is the programme of action of Government of India ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In pursuance of paragraph 38.11 of Agenda-21, and UNGA resolution 47/191, a high level Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was established as a functional Commission of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Article 68 of the UN Charter. The CSD will monitor progress and effective follow-up of the Rio conference, enhanced international cooperation on environment and development issues and examine the implementation of Agenda-21 at the naional, regional and international level.

(c) The national conservation strategy and policy statement on Environment and Development has been enunciated in June 1992. Agenda-21 has been included in the programme of action of concerned Ministries. The Government will work actively

to ensure realisation of the goals and objectives set out during United Nations Conference on Environment and Development with particular emphasis on the need for a balance between Environment and Development.

Circulation of Fake Indian Passports

*204. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Canadian immigration authorities have recently brought to the attention of Indian authorities that several fake Indian passports are in circulation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken/propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) The Canadian Immigration authorities had, in November, 1992 informed the Indian Consulate in Toronto that the Canadian authorities had intercepted blank Indian passport booklets which had been sent by registered post to an address in Canada.

One such seized passport which contained the stamp, without signatures, of the Passport Office, Jalandhar, as well as the stamps of the immigration authority at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi was forwarded to the Indian Consulate by the Canadian authorities and has been sent for investigation to the State Police in Punjab. The Central Bureau of Investigation has also been informed and asked to coordinate with the State Police.

Opposition to Small Family Norm

*205. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any opposition to Government's policy of small family from any community of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider their points of view ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) There are no reports of any representation in this regard to either the State or the Central Government.

Fruit concentrate factory at Nalkata in Tripura

*207. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that NERAMAC set up one fruit concentrate factory in Nalkata in Tripura;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred for setting up the factory;

(c) what was the foreign exchange involved in it;

(d) what was the total productoin of this factory;

(e) whether it is a fact that the factory has been closed down; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is a fact that the closure of the factory has affected the economy of the pineapple growers of the Tribal area in North Tripura District;

(g) whether it is a fact that the pineapple growers have not been paid any amount by the factory for the pineapples purchased from them; and

(h) whether there is any proposal to reopen the factory for the benefits of the Tribal Pineapple growers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The expenditure incurred for setting up of the factory was Rs. 342.70 lakhs approximately.

(c) The foreign exchange involved in it was Rs. 41.90 lakhs.

(d) The total production of this factory from 1988 to 1992 was 214.79 MTs of pineapple concentrate.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of answer to part (e) above.